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### DEATH'S HARVEST.

### MRS. HOBSON AND MESSRS. CUSHING AND SWIFT ARE NO MORE.

Our community has had a sad visitation. In one day three well known and highly respected people passed breathed his last. over the river.

Just before noon Saturday, Mr. oseph H. Cushing was drowned in

Mr. Cushing's place lies along both sides of the creek, which is spanned by a foot-log. He had gone across the creek Saturday morning to do some work and was evidently on his one of them when he was walking along the foot-log on his return and fell into the water. His body was Morgan and Chas. Holley, who were fishing. It was lying in water about a foot deep with the face down-

Appearances indicated that he had been in the water two or three hours; nevertheless, every effort was made by a skilled nurse and others to resuscitate him, but without avail. Dr. Burland was sent for; and on arriving said that everything possible had been done and there was no

Relatives of the deceased in the north were notified by wire and the body was held until Tuesday in the hope that some of them could come and be present at the funeral; but as Shipments can now be made PUNTA GORDA. - FLORIDA. none of them could come, the burial Presbyterian church, read from Paul was made in the city cometery Tuesday morning. The services were conducted by Rev. H. W. Joiner, of the Methodist church, and a large feeling prayer. oncourse of friends was present.

Mr. Cushing was perhaps the first years ago and settled on Alligator ed. He planted an orange grove and built up a valuable property.

About 1882 he married Miss Lizzie. who settled on the creek a year or to the instruction of all present. a daughter of Mr. Talbert Morgan two after Mr. Cushing. They had no children and, saving a large circle of followed by a brief prayer, the choir mourn his loss. To her the sympa thies of many friends are extended. and generally respected throughout this region and he will be greatly With touching ceremonies the missed by the many who had become attached to him.

MRS. J. C. HOBSON,

nee Miss Sallie E. Avant, after a peacefully passed away at 11 p. m. Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. A. White, in this city. Louisville, Ky. Her home was in Cleveland, but shortly before her death she was seized with an impulse to visit her daughter and accordingly came here, till the day of his death. when the final summons overtook

She was born in Boena Vista, Ga., Jany. 12th, 1862, and married W. A. Cottle in Andalusia, Ala., Nov. 18th, 1877. This union was blessed with one offspring, Mrs. Willie A. White, now the wife of E. A. White, of this city.

Oct. 1st, 1878, she was left a widow. and in 1882 removed with her parents from Georgia to Maitland, Fia. Subsequently, in 1885, the family came to Cleveland, where Mrs. Cottle met Jno. Cary Hobson and, on Jan. 6th, 1888, married him.

This proved to be a very happy union and was blessed with seven children, one of whom died in infancy. Of the rest ranging in age from one year to sixteen, there are two pairs of twins. Thus, besides the disconsolate husband, seven children are left to mourn her loss,

She joined the Baptist church in childhood and was a consistent able heritage of genuine worth Christian all her life. She died in which is generally and thoroughly the full assurance of a blessed resur-

rection. Rev. J. E. McIntosh, pastor of the Baptist church. at Mr. White's resilaid to rest in the cemetery beside and desolation. the beautiful Pineapple creek, Besides kindred, many sorrowing friends were present at the last sad

cle of friends.

Johnson, of Tampa, was with her their behalf is that they may find as daughter in her last illness and now generous friends and as sweet conso-TERS, the Saturday issue to THE HOME. remains to comfort her bereaved lation as have been vouchsafed to

> THE DEATH OF MR. SWIFT was a shock to the whole community. Saturday moring, he was in his usual health, attending to his busiof not feeling well, but partook of a adopted :light dinner. Then he lay down to Whereas, the late James H. Swift has rest a moment and within an hour been, during his lung residence among became so ill that Dr. Lanier was us, an earnest, industrious and consciensummoned. The doctor found him tious citizen of the town of Punta

ation and both physicians exerted with positions of trust and honor,their best skill, but to no avail.

The congestion ascended to the his death, councilman ;brain and, in spite of all that loving Therefore, be it resolved by the citi hearts and medical science could do, zens of Punta Gorda in mass meeting as-Mr. Swift continued to sink and sembled, that in the death of our esteemat 7 o'clock Sunday morning he ed fellow towasman, the community has

The news of his death spread rapidly through the town and caused a shock to every one who heard it. his bereaved family; Alligator Creek four miles south of The deceased was very popular, be town. At Il p. m. the same day, ing held in universal esteem, and Mrs. J. C. Hobson died, and at 7 p.m. people were loath to believe that he the next morning Mr. J. H. Swift was dead All Sunday morning, crowds kept going to the residence on Taylor street to ascertain if the

sad news were really true. When the people became convinced of the sad reality, a general gloom

In evidence of the public feeling, way back when he lost his life. He was subject to epileptic attacks; and it is supposed that he was seized by one of them when he was walking and a large concourse of men, it women and children assembled at 9:30 at the Methodist church to attend the funeral services and pay any duty incumbent on him. accidentally found by Messrs. Jas.M. their respect to the memory of the

> The pall bearers were: Albert W. Gilchrist, J. H. Concannon, Clayton and R. L. Earnest.

> The casket was covered and loaded with beautiful fic vers. As it was borne into the church, it was preceded by Rev. H. W. Joiner who read the beautiful Scripture beginning, "I am the resurection and the life." The choir sang that exquisite

hymn, "Asleep in Jesus," after which Rev. C. H. Ferran, of the on the resurrection. Pastor Joiner then read an appropriate Scripture lesson and Rev. J. E. McIntosh, of the Baptist church, followed with a

"Jesus, lover of my soul," was next white settler of this section. He sung, and then Pastor Joiner arose came here from Rhode Island thirty and proceeded to deliver an eloquent address on the life and character of creek, where he had ever since residtheme from the 5th chapter of John and applied it personally to the merits to the honored dead, to the comfort of the bereaved kindred and

friends, the widow alone is left to sang, "God's children are gathering home," and then the corpse was borne out and placed in the hearse. Mr. Cushing was about 55 or 57 The cortege which then formed and proceeded to the cemetery was the largest ever seen in Punta Gorda. The cortege which then formed and

earth and the sorrowing assemblage then slowly dispersed. JAMES HENRY SWIFT Was born in New Harmony, Ind., Aug. 14th, 1847. As he grew up, he became engaged lingering illness from consumption in railroad work and lived at differthey are to be enjoyed; they are not to ent times in Evansville and New be studied, but to be loved; they are Albany, Ind., Nashville, Tenn., and

Meanwhile, on Jan. 31st, 1870, in Evansville, he married Miss Eliza Curnick, with whom he lived happily

In 1892, he removed from Louisville to Punta Gorda, arriving here on Nov. 4th. He quickly won a ance of his living soul and to feel its a place in public confidence, was twice chosen as a member of the town council and then elected mayor. Last November he was again elected to the council and was a member of tions he proved himself a patriotic,

to the best interests of the town. Thus both in public as well as in private life, he was a valuable man, an exemplary member of the community, one whose death leaves a sage has he not outseen? What genvoid that is universally felt and de-

plored. Besides his disconsolate widow, he leaves four children to mourn their irreparable loss: James L. Swift of Port Tampa; Mrs. W. A. Roberts, Magnus T. Swift and Miss Annie Swift, of this city. In these, he leaves to the community a valu-

appreciated. His bereaved ones have the heart-The funeral services were held by felt sympathy of all our people, who pray that the Father of mercies may soothe their stricken hearts and comdence, after which the body was fort them in this hour of their sorrow

CARD OF THANKS. To the people of Punta Gorda, we take this means of expressing our The bereaved husband and child- heartfelt gratitude for their noble ren in their hour of affliction, have kindness and blessed sympathy in the sincere sympathy of a wide cir- the sad hour of our bereavement. Should affliction ever befall them, Mrs. Hobson's mother, Mrs. S. A. the best prayer that we can make in

> MRS. J. H. SWIFT AND CHILDREN.

At a mass meeting of citizens held in ness and chatting pleasantly with the council chamber Tuesday night, the passing friends. At noon, he spoke following resolutions were unanimously

suffering from congestion of the bow- Gorda :-- He was known as an honert and

els and did all that he could for him, honorable man, a kind husband and As the patient grew rapidly worse, affectionate father, a law-abiding citizen. Dr. Samuel was called in consult- He was honored by his fellow citizens Councilman, Mayor and at the time of

uffered an irreparable loss;

That the sympathy of the entire community is extended to the members of

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased. J. H. Concannon, Secretary.

BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in his wise providence, on Sunday morning, 20th inst., to take from us Mr. he handsome, is he rich?" James H. Swift, a member of our coun-

Therefore, Be it resolved that we bow n humble submission to his divine will, Resolved, that we have lost a faithful member who was ever ready to perform

Resolved, that we tender our condoldeceased. The church was filled to ence to the bereaved family and may out in fear. But the adder beat its tall overflowing and crowds stood out- God strengthen them in their bereave- upon the ground and was transformed

or publication.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our city council. R. L. Earnest, J. M. Samuel,

### THE GREAT POETS.

a, Fla., in special session, Apr. 22, 1902,

Do Not Study Them For Knowledge; Read Them For Culture. Young men and young women actualthe Arthurian legends. The course be-comes a mere knowledge course. My Great was Frosy

own acquaintance with Milton was current college study of Shakespeare emotional experience. They have add-

taken a step in culture. body was committed to mother ly laid bare every root and rootlet? There stand Homer, Dante, Chaucer and Shakespeare. Read them, give yourself to them, and master them if you

are man enough, The poets are not to be analyzed; not for knowledge, but for cultureto enhance our appreciation of life and our mastery over its elements. All the mere facts about a poet's work are as chaff as compared with the appreciation of one fine line or fine sentence. Why study a great poet at all after the manner of the dissecting room? Why not rather seek to make the acquaint-

William Shakespeare. What point of morals, of manners, of economy, of philosophy, of religion, of tleman has he not instructed in the

The Promoters. "Let us make the capital stock \$1,-"All right," said the first promoter.

"Will it be hard to increase that capital?" asked the first. "No, indeed. All I have to do is to bit the 'O' key a few more times."-

A Devoted Parent, "Dawson is one of the most devoted fathers I ever knew."

Baltimore American.

"What?"

"How so?" "He's so proud of his children. Why, eay, he often lies awake half the night trying to think up clever things that he can credit them with saying."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Juvenile idea. "Wille, do you know what happens to the bad little boys?"

"They have more fun than the good little boys."-Chicago Post. Sees a Disadvantage in It. "You ought to be a good boy."
"Yes, but if I was a good boy people wouldn't say how bright I am."—Indi-

anapolis News Compliment Worthily Won. Angry Guest-I've been waiting three-juarters of an bour for that steak I or-

Walter-You have an uncommon mount of patience, sir.-Boston Post.

The choicest apple it always just beond your reach.

## THE MEADOW ORCHID

Why The Russian People Call it "The Cuckoo's Tears"

A Legend of the Land of the Czars That Deals With Magie, Love and Happiness and One Result of the

Fatal Feminine Tongue. One warm Sunday afternoon the village maidens assembled to bathe in tho river. They took off their kerchiefs and their coronet headdresses, seated themselves on the bank to cool off and began to gossip. One maiden alone sat silent, Frosya, an orphan, poor, but beautiful, with fair skin and eyes as blue as the gentlan, which the Russlans call "the flight of the falcon." So the other girls began to tease her: "Have you no dearly beloved friend, Frosinya? Who is he, where is he? Is

"Where should a poor girl get a rich and handsome young lover? Yonder

adder is my husband," No sooner had she said this than all the maldens cried, with one accord "The adder!" and took to their heels. And upon her kerchief, which Frosya had thrown upon the grass, behold, a huge black adder lay coiled. She cried into a wonderfully handsome young Resolved, that we send a copy of these man. There he stood before her, with esolutions to the family, and a copy be a golden cap upon his flowing curls, his Porter, L. T. Bloxham, Frank Adams furnished the Punta Gorda Herald eyes flashing fire, and honeyed words "Did you mean it when you declared that you were ready to marry the ad-

> She knew not what reply to make. but gazed at him and thought to her-Committee.
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> Adopted by the council of Punta Gorself, "Whence came such a wise and handsome youth?" And he, divining her thoughts, replied to them, "I am no common man, but the czar of the waters, and my empire is close at hand in

a deep pool on golden sands." And he read in her eyes that she consented to go with blm. Then he grasply go to college to take a course in ed her with his powerful hand, and to-Shakespeare or Chaucer or Dante or gether they sank down into the deep

Great was Frosya's happiness. She could not believe in it. He was so through an exercise in grammar. We good, so wise; she had never seen such parsed "Paradise Lost." Much of the people, and there is none such anywhere as the ezar of the waters. But is little better than parsing him. The Frosya was foolish. Seven years did class falls upon the text like hens she dwell with him in the deep pool in upon a bone in winter. No meaning his palace of crystal, and the seven of phrase escapes them; every line is literally picked to pieces. But of the poet himself, of that which makes him what he is, how much do they get? Very little, I fear. They have cause, she became sad, longed for the had intellectual exercise and not an earth, to behold her native hamlet and her friends once more. So he let her ed to their knowledge, but have not go, with the children, for three days the great poets is like digging into the roots of an oak or maple the better to increase your appropriation of the page of her bushess in the roots of the page of her bushess in the roots of the page of her bushess in the roots of the roots of the roots of the page of her bushess in the roots and origins of the roots of th after having exacted a promise that increase your appreciation of the beau- lived. And all this she promised, with ty of the tree. There stands the tree fearful oaths. Then her husband esin all its summer glory. Will you real-ly know it any better after you have spot and cry "Cuckoo!" thrice, whereupon he would swim at once to meet

She kept her oath, but her friends coaxed and questioned the children. The boy to all queries replied simply. 'I don't know." But the girl told everything. This was all the envious gossips wanted. They ran and told all to their husbands and brothers, who immediately ran to the dam and uttered the magic words. And when the ezar appeared they beat him to death. But before he died be contrived to say to Frosya: "I have to thank thee, my dear wife, that I am now come to my death through thee and my daughter. Henceforth fly thou ever as a gray cuckoo and repeat thou ever my call, 'Cuckoo!' in sadness of heart from early spring until St. Peter's day [St. Peter's day, June 20 (July 12, O. S.)], and from that taste, of the conduct of life, has he not day forth may every bird, both great that body when, died. In these posi- settled? What mystery has he not sig. and small, beat thee and pursue thee. nified his knowledge of? What office And mayest thou, my daughter, my beself-sacrificing citizen, keenly alive or function or district of man's work trayer, be turned into a nettle bush, has be not remembered? What king and may that weed, the flery, forever has be not taught state, as Talma burn thine eyes wheresoever thou maytaught Napoleon? What maiden has est be, that thou mayest weep forever, not found him finer than her delleacy? remembering thy father's death. But What lover has he not outloved? What to my loyal son, who kept his father's command, I make this bequest: That he shall be the bird beloved which rudeness of his behavior?-Ralph Wal- dwells and sings in gardens and amid shady groves for the joy of happy peo-

ple, for the consolution of those who weep, the rightingale." And from that day forth the Russian people have called the meadow orchid "the cuckoo's tears." [It is also known preparing the prospectus on the type- as "the cuckoo's slippers."]-Isabel F. Hapgood in New York Post.

A small girl told a falsehood. Her mother, with great dignity, led the youthful offender to the library and, sitting down beside her, said: "You know, Katharine, grandma has gone to heaven and papa has gone to heaven, but if you tell untruths you cannot go to heaven with them. You will have to go to the other place." The little maiden looked very grave

for a moment and said, "Say a swear

word, mamma, and come to the other

face too."-New York Tribune.

The Better Choice. "Ze Miss Milyons, It is said, spen's thousan's of dollars on ze bonnets

alone, my dear count," observed the baron. "She is ze one for you." "No, my dear baron," was the remilliner."-Judge.

Exclusiveness.

"Pauline is very exclusive, isn't she?" "Ob, yes; quite. She never introduces an eligible man to any other girl."-London King. Do not neglect to keep your boots pollshed. You can always shine at one

He only confers favors generously who appears, when they are once conferred, to remember them no more .--

end, if you cannot at the other.